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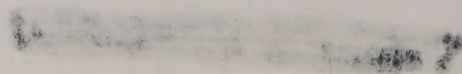
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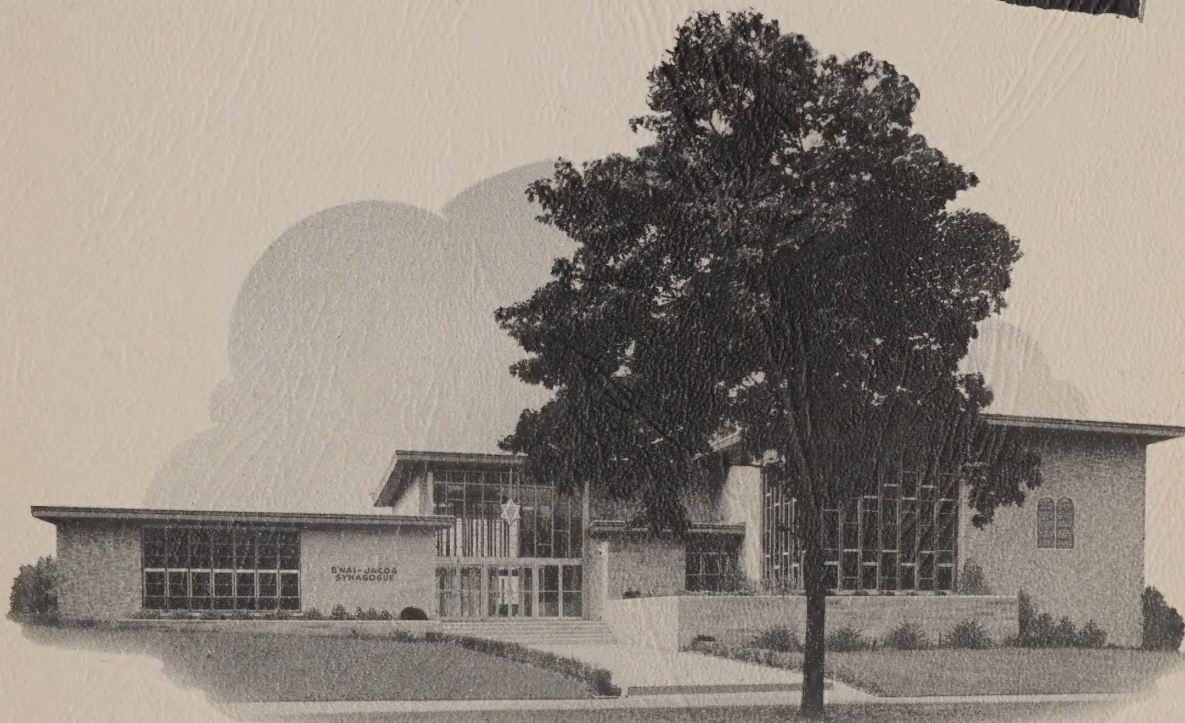


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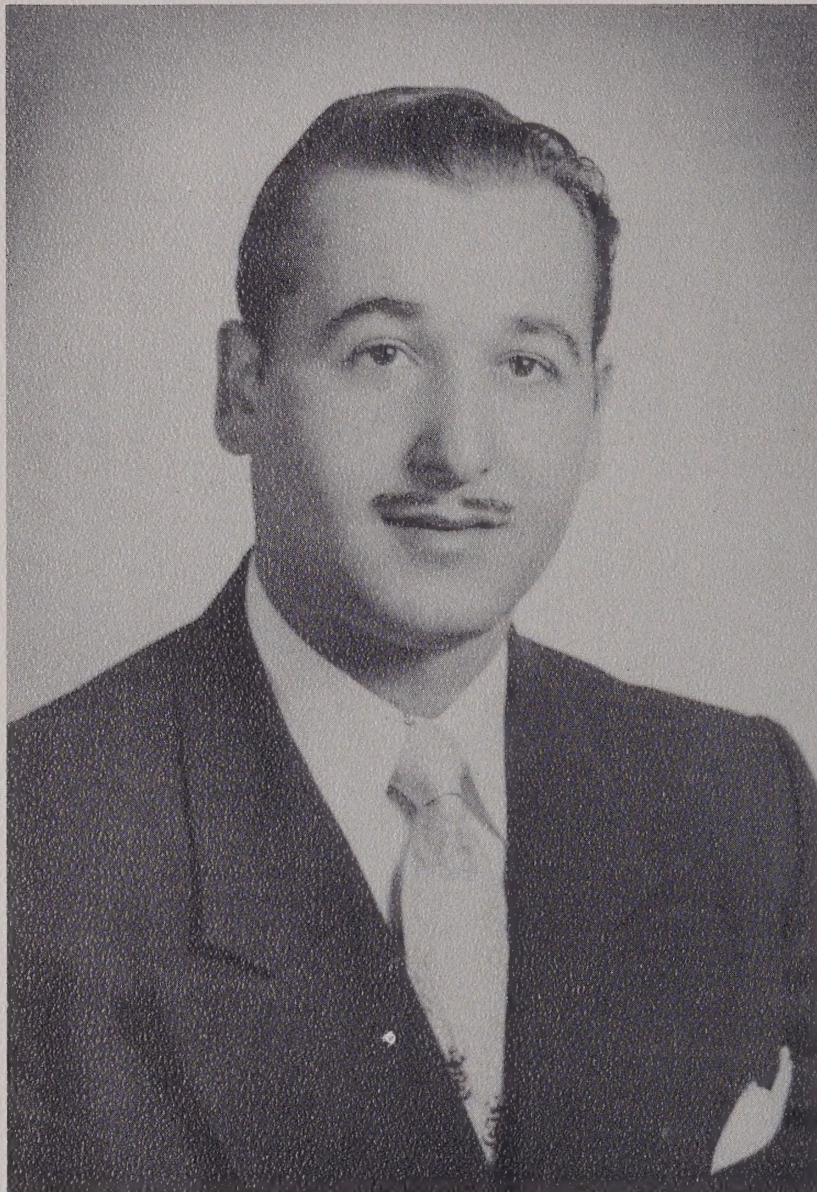
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# Rabbi's Message

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*"... And let the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
and establish THOU the work of our hands; yea, the work of  
our hands do THOU establish . . ."*

*(Psalm XC)*

When men dream of things that MEN can do—they accomplish what MAN can do, but when we dream dreams of what GOD wills them to do, they build for eternity.

With the approach of this glorious and sacred moment—the dedication of our new Synagogue—we experience an inner gratification and behold the work of THY hands as we witness a high and lofty dream become a reality. The acquisition of our new spiritual home strikes a note of thanksgiving and humility to a beneficent God, while at the same time marks a new era in our Jewish communal life.

The dedication of a house of worship symbolizes the forging of another link in the oldest chain extant in the recorded history of civilization. It binds us directly with Moses at Mount Sinai, through countless generations of martyrs who sacrificed precious life to preserve its continuity. We count ourselves privileged as their spiritual heirs to follow their hallowed tradition.

The most genuine gratification comes from service rendered, and this gratification must fill many hearts on this occasion. We are the fortunate generation who can look upon our spiritual center as an accomplishment. Our sense of pride, too, stems from the fact that we, as a congregational family, measured up to our co-operative and common goal—the building of our magnificent Synagogue—our SPIRITUAL home. Verily, with hands joined together we successfully laid the physical and material foundation for the growth of modern traditional Judaism.

As your Rabbi, I have already been impressed with what you have built to date PHYSICALLY. It is a symbol of your concern for a hallowed way of life. It is a physical embodiment of a spiritual longing; a visible sign and remembrance that the tradition lives in your hearts.

However, we must not forget that brick and mortar alone are not sufficient, that it is the SPIRIT within the structure that breathes life into a Synagogue, and that it is up to us to fill our new edifice with that spiritual quality that will enrich and give meaning to the lives of our children, ourselves and the community as a whole.

Dedication is the supreme act of personal commitment to a sacred way of life. WE DEDICATE NOTHING IF WE DO NOT FIRST DEDICATE OURSELVES.

This joyous event of HANUKAS HA-BAYIS, of dedication, sets the course and direction for us.

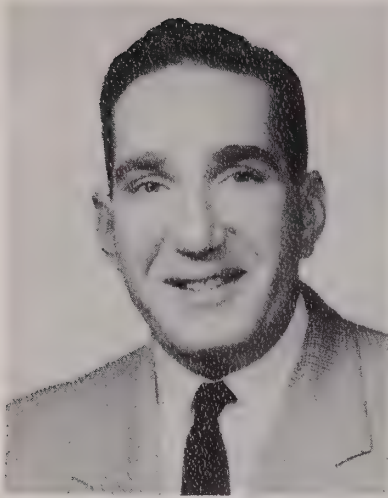
It is significant that we are dedicating our sanctuary on HANUKAH—THE FEAST OF DEDICATION. And, on this fourth day of Hanukah, as we celebrate the rededication of the sanctuary of old, so we too now dedicate our new Synagogue with a firm conviction that it will imbue us with a greater determination against indifference in our religious life; that with God's help, we shall attain the spiritual and cultural heights which He has set for us. Our house of worship will stand as a fountain of knowledge and learning from which His truths and His time-honored traditions will be disseminated to all His people.

The future holds for us not only a great promise, but a great challenge. Let us rally and meet that challenge of the future in the finest Jewish tradition.

In this hour of dedication, we rededicate our hearts and souls to the imperishable teachings and traditions of our God, our faith and our Synagogue . . .

*"YEA, THE WORK OF OUR HANDS, DO THOU ESTABLISH . . ."*





## *The President's Message*

It is with a spirit of deep gratitude and reverence that we officially dedicate and consecrate this home of worship, of which we are so justly proud.

This edifice will crown the work of many, who for years dedicated themselves to the erection of a house of worship, educational, and social center. We have realized our aims of providing the Jewish community with a meeting place, and of encouraging original creative endeavor in the various fields of culture. We promise that this new edifice will serve not only our congregation, but all of Fort Wayne Jewery and the total Fort Wayne community as well. Together we can enlighten and clarify public opinion on problems of Jewish concern, fight bigotry, and protect human rights, and help promote Jewish cultural interest and creative achievement in our city.

It has been my good fortune to be President of our congregation during the erection and dedication of this building. For this honor I am proud.

However, all this would not have been possible without the vision of my predecessors, many of them assisting me in my labors.

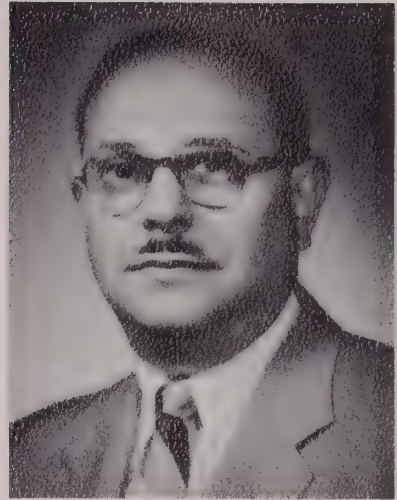
Let us then realize that the edifice we dedicate today stands as a tribute to no one person, but to a great deal of effort and sacrifice on the part of all our members, which is an indication of the undying and invincible faith in our tradition.

Future generations will remember the men and women of B'nai Jacob, who changed a beautiful dream into a wonderful reality, all for the glory of God.

*Seymour Samet*



- - - *from the General  
Chairman of the  
New Edifice*



I am happy to have served as the General Chairman for the building of our new Synagogue. This has been a once-in-a life-time opportunity to serve with my fellow Congregants—in erecting a new building which will meet our needs for years to come and for which I am humbly grateful.

A long and uphill struggle, causing us to lay aside our plans time and time again, did not dismay us. The obstacles were many and the discouragement great. Our toil, our labor, our sacrifices, yes, the very neglect of our daily work has, with the help of God, achieved an apparently insurmountable task. We never lost sight at any time of this, our Synagogue to God. We closed ranks and worked in greater unity for our common goal and by His spiritual guidance, do we now see the answers to our labors and our prayers.

The new Synagogue, with its modern facilities, its spacious sanctuary, adequate classrooms, modern kitchens, Rabbi's study and secretary's office, social hall and educational center, and off-the-street parking, will verily bring a new Jewish interest to our entire membership.

All this could not have been possible without the complete co-operation of all the chairmen and their committees and I now wish to thank them for their devoted co-operation.

With our new edifice, we have a right to be proud. We can hold our heads high in this Community for a deed well done.

*Abe J. Kaplan*





- - - from the  
*Chairman of the  
Building Committee*

It has been my honor and privilege to be a member of the Board of Trustees for a number of years and for the past few years I have enjoyed the privilege and assumed the responsibility of being Chairman of the Building Construction Committee.

Notwithstanding all the difficulties that we have gone through building this magnificent Synagogue, the great personal satisfaction that I derive today from this marvelous accomplishment is more than I can express.

I wish to extend my deep appreciation to all the members of my Building and Construction Committee who assisted me through their untiring efforts to bring this magnificent Architectural structure to a successful conclusion.

In particular, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to our Rabbi Weller for his untiring efforts and who has given so much of himself and his talent really far beyond the call of duty.

This accomplishment is of great significance not only to us and our children, but also to those who come after us.

With faith in God, loyalty to the traditions which made us Jews in the first place, and dedication to the service of people as individuals, let us make B'nai Jacob such an instrument of good in the community as to make our fellow citizens bless the day we made a decision to build this noble edifice.

*I. Rifkin*



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TO THE B'NAI JACOB CONGREGATION:

Congratulations to the B'nai Jacob Congregation upon the completion and dedication of your new synagogue; not so much because of the architectural beauty added to our city but because it symbolizes and demonstrates the vitality of a firm belief in the Creator of All and of an ancient culture and tradition.

These have contributed much throughout history; these are a part of our community life. I extend my best wishes to the congregation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert E. Meyers".

Mayor





## *The Vestibule*

Front Vestibule leading to  
Main Foyer.



## *Architect's Concept*



The architectural concept of B'nai Jacob exemplifies the architecture of the American synagogue. Today, the twentieth century pattern of life and modern materials of construction must be combined with the historic tradition of the age-old religion. The simple, straight forward design is intended to provide a sort of inviting, almost home effect, rather than the stiff, formidable designs that have characterized synagogues of the past.

From the beginning, the architect's design was directed to providing, along contemporary lines, immediate access to the Sanctuary, Chapel, Social Halls, Offices, and Educational Wing from a central glazed foyer which opens both to the main street to the east and the parking area to the west. The entrance has been designed so as to provide an open, inviting effect, welcoming people to religious worship. This is contrary to the old-fashioned type of closed, rather formidable looking doors or entrances.

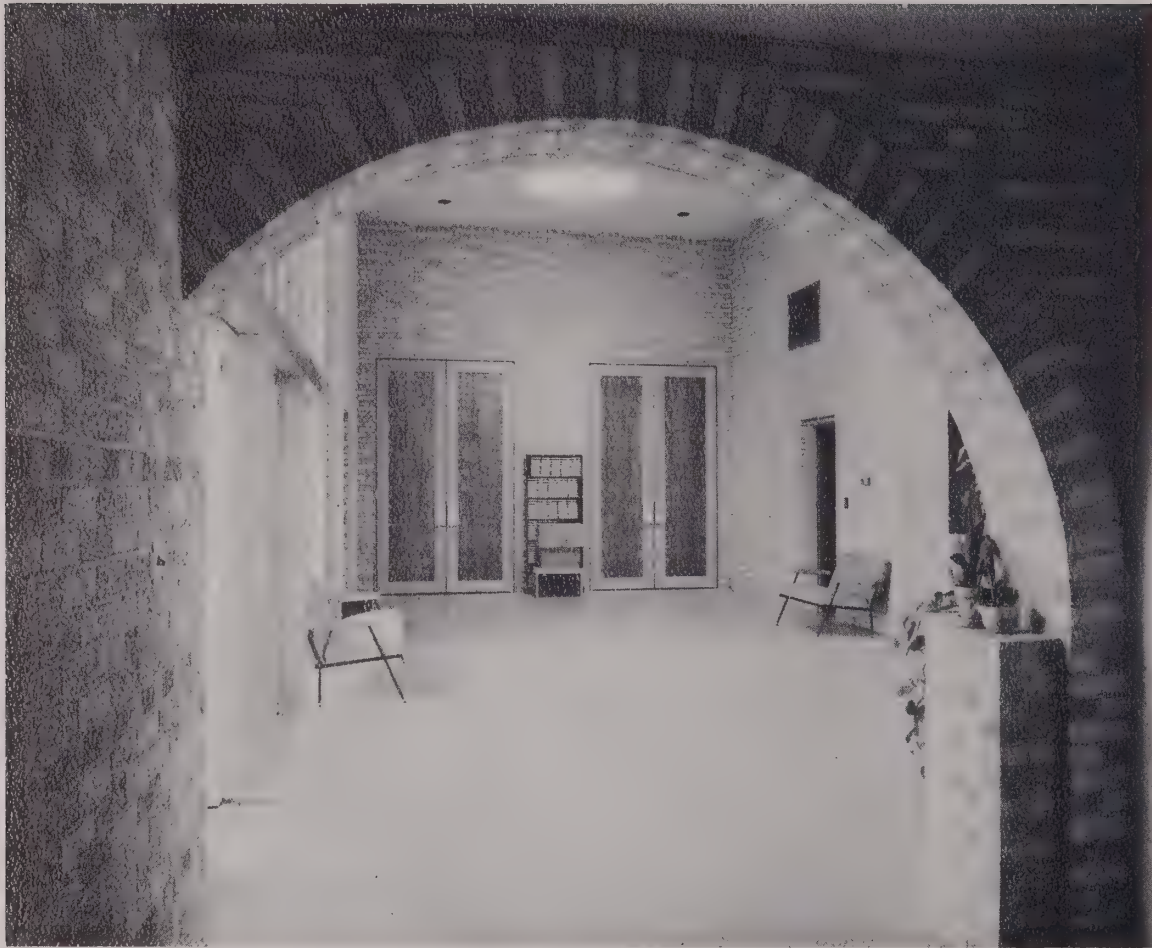
Also considered carefully in the architect's basic design was the expansion of the Synagogue, the future Social Hall which will open directly onto the west wall of the Sanctuary, and the additional classrooms to the west of the present educational wing, which were planned for an expanding congregation. The Rabbi's Study has been located where it is both convenient to direct public access and also has direct access to the Synagogue proper.

Although obvious needs for economy affected the design, an attempt has been made by proper relationship of masses and proportion to secure a pleasing architectural composition that tends toward an attractive design. Future plans include for the interior finishing of the Synagogue.

*A. M. Strauss*



## *The Foyer*



Foyer: View from the Educational Center.



## *A Message from Mrs. Abe Zinn*

PRESIDENT OF THE SISTERHOOD



As this dedication message is written, what we do today, becomes part of our history. Therefore, let us review the function we as a Sisterhood may perform in this synagogue: provide fellowship for our members, encouragement for our youth and adults in the field of Jewish education, and to develop in our women a sensitivity within their hearts and minds to Jewish values. Thus, we may foster an active laity to play a more meaningful part in religious life.

As twentieth century Jewish women living in the climate of the city of Fort Wayne life, we strive that our practices be traditional yet related to our time and its place. The Talmud teaches, "It is woman alone through whom God's blessings are vouchsafed to a house." Therefore, to develop an informed and religious-minded woman, thus creating true Jewish spirit in our homes, as in the synagogue, must ever be the goal of B'nai Jacob Sisterhood.

As we endeavor to maintain our goals, our faith and our trust is placed in the hands of an efficient group of women. This group consists of our executive officers and appointed Board Members:

<b>President—</b> Mrs. A. Zinn	<b>Auditor—</b> Mrs. H. Marlin	<b>Building Committee—</b> Mrs. J. Schmitz and Mrs. I. Golder	<b>Luncheon—</b> Mrs. I. Rifkin
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## *A Message from Mr. Joe Zinn*

PRESIDENT OF THE MEN'S CLUB

A feeling of great pride and joy fills the hearts of our members, as we witness the solemn ceremony of the dedication of our new edifice.

The purpose of the Men's Club is to foster brotherhood, good fellowship, and provide its members with entertainment. Primarily, we came into existence as an informal social outlet for the congregation.

However, let us reflect for a moment and remember, that our Men's Club is one of the essential groups within our congregational family, and has assumed the role of making our members increasingly active in Synagogue and Communal affairs; bringing renewed inspiration to the men of our congregation, and identifying our Men's Club with the highest cultural, educational, social and religious goals.

Every member of the B'nai Jacob Men's Club wishes everlasting peace, happiness, and God's blessing on our Synagogue and its members.

Our present Executive Board consists of the following men:

<b>President—</b> Joe Zinn*	<b>Membership Committee—</b> Gabor Fenyas, Chairman Herman Schubert	<b>Program Chairman—</b> Dr. Arthur Singer	<b>Sponsor and Co-Adviser—</b> Jack Pomerantz
<b>Vice-President—</b> Dr. Arthur Singer	<b>Sick Committee—</b> Ben Karlsberg, Chairman Irving Rifkin	<b>Food Committee—</b> Ralph Schwartz, Chairman Irving Brateman	<b>Federation Representatives—</b> Dave Block Joe Zinn
<b>Secretary—</b> Leon Himelstein			

\*Deceased, November 6, 1956



## *The Sisterhood*



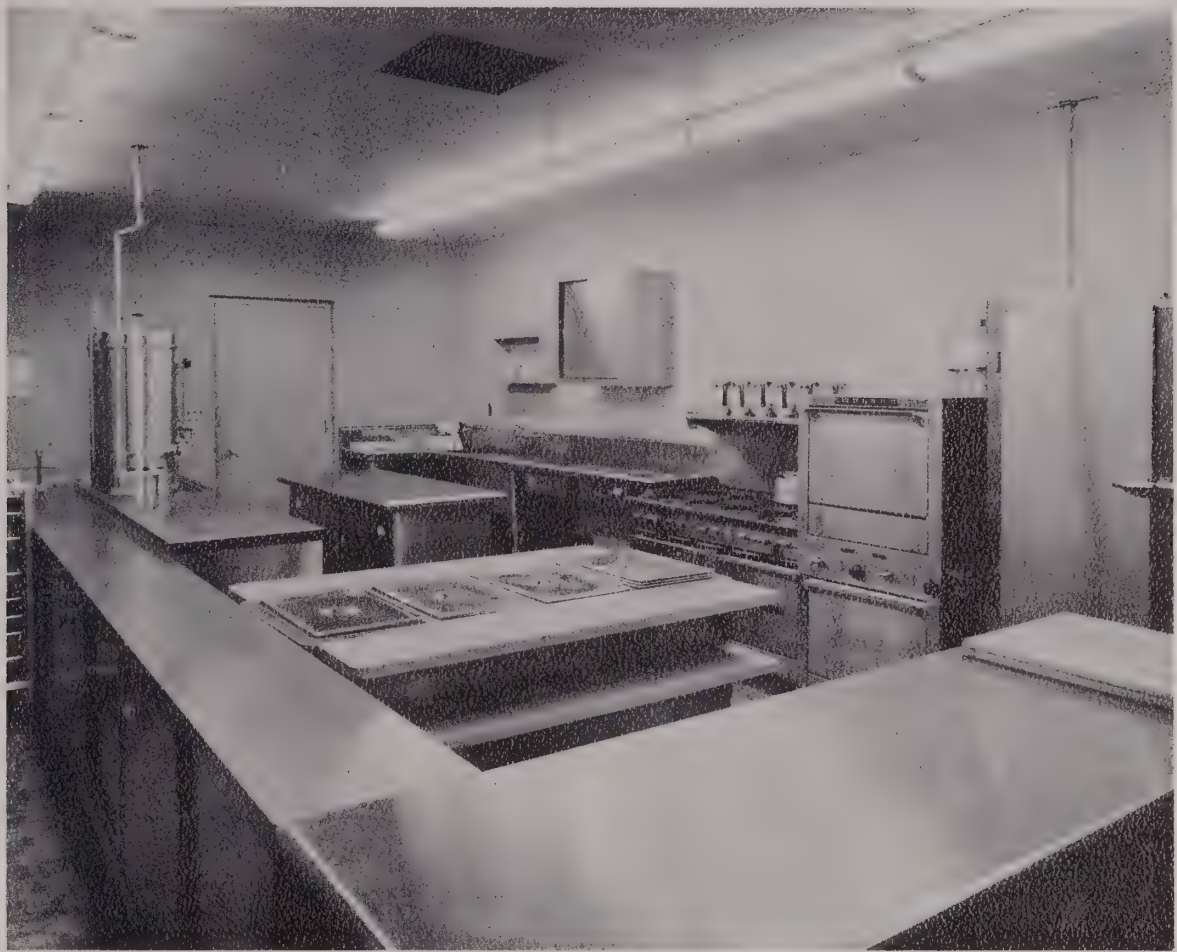
Members of Sisterhood Planning Committee.



*The  
Men's  
Club*



## *Our Modern Kitchen*



All stainless steel twin  
Dietary Kitchen.



# The History Of B'nai Jacob Congregation

... EITZ CHAIM ...

*- - - It is a tree of life to them that grasp it - - -*

The history of the B'nai Jacob Congregation is in essence the story of the Jews in Fort Wayne, or for that matter, the history of the Jews anywhere in this country.

From my vantage point of more than half a century, and as one of the few natives who have had the privilege of observing this congregation from the beginning, I see in its progress and growth, the progress and growth of a community. But far greater than this, I see the semblance and symbolism of a TREE—THE TREE OF LIFE.

The roots of this tree are the handful of 25 or 30 Jewish families who came here during the latter part of the last century. They were a small group, differing greatly in character and European origin; immigrants coming from diversified European backgrounds who had little in common. But their faith in one God, their common heritage of Judaism, and often persecution, was motive enough to unite them in prayer and worship. There were cobblers and tailors and peddlers; a scant few of whom were well versed in Torah, but they all shared in the grim determination that their children be given the education and advantages that they had been denied. The struggle for existence was often difficult, but the roots of the tree went deeper and deeper into the good earth and gathered strength with the years.

In Sept. 29, 1912, B'nai Jacob was organized and in 1914 the first synagogue on Wayne and Monroe Sts. was dedicated, and Rabbi Mandel Hurwitz served as its first leader. He officiated as rabbi, cantor, teacher, shochet, and mohel the multiple duties that were expected of the leader of an orthodox congregation in those days.

With an increase in membership, his duties were lightened, and Rabbi Ginzler came to serve the congregation as Rabbi. His first duty was to establish a CHEDER. Rabbi Ginzler was followed by Rabbi Jacob Waldman, then Rabbi Shor. Each in his own way contributing to the well being of

the struggling young congregation.

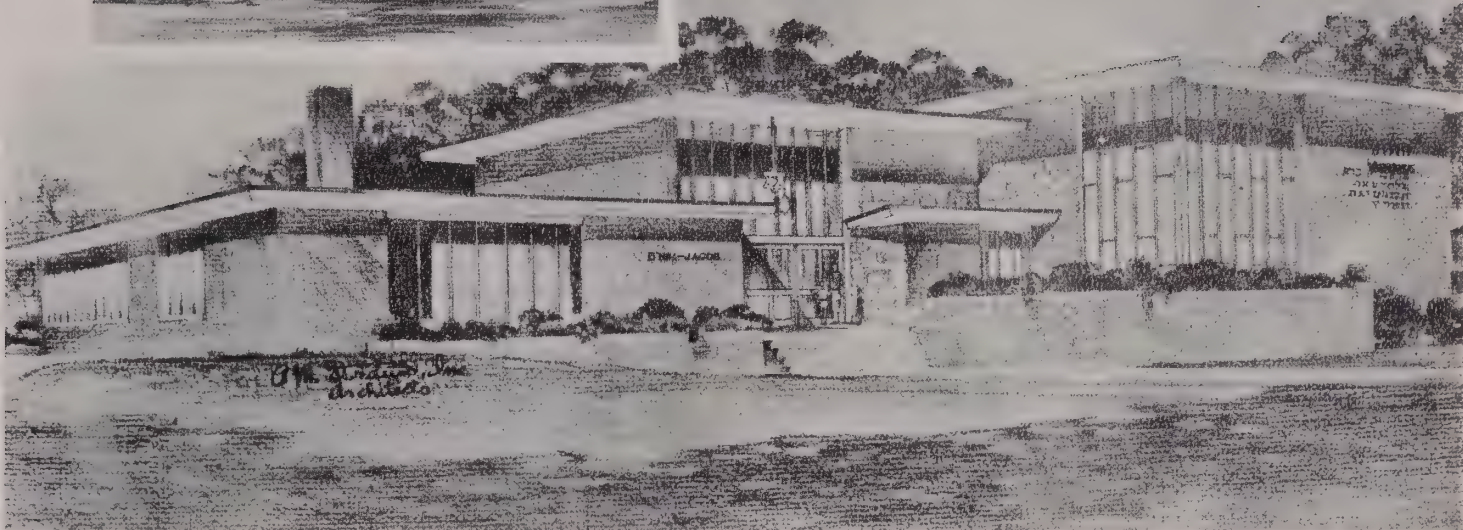
## THE TREE WAS BEGINNING TO THRIVE.

To the second generation fell the MITZVAH of integrating the old world with the new, of being the connecting link between the old generation and the new. The tree was showing strength and vigor, and had developed a sturdy trunk, that joined the roots of yesterday to the branches of tomorrow.

This was the generation who had neither the Hebrew background nor the means nor time to acquire Hebrew learning. The trend of the times was worldly, and they saw the beauties of Jewish tradition, music, literature and philosophy fall into disuse, and knew that they were being robbed of a precious heritage. They became fully aware of the importance of implanting into the hearts of our youth the advantages and responsibilities of Judaism, and so when Rabbi Price came to guide the congregation in 1928, he concentrated all of his efforts toward eliciting the interest of the younger people. Sabbath services were now held with English translations, and a women's choir assisted. He directed and taught his Hebrew and religious school of more than 25 children. By now the membership of the synagogue was between 50 and 60 families. But the high point of his service was the Hebrew Center which was built adjoining the synagogue in 1931.

This was immediately thrown open to all the Jewish youth of the city for meetings, entertainment, or athletics. The Zionist and Haddassah organizations were invited to avail themselves of the facilities of the center, and the congregation supported and joined their ranks almost to a man.

Rabbi Irving Weingart followed Rabbi Price and served about 12 years. During the difficult period of World War II, he not only ministered to the needs of a growing congregation in times of stress, but gave of himself to the many homesick soldiers stationed at Baer Field. He, in



turn, was followed by Rabbi Joseph Gorfinkel who served about 7 years. It was Rabbi Gorfinkel who started the beautiful custom of joint congregational singing, and it was while he was here that the land for the new synagogue was purchased and the first building committee formed.

#### AND NOW THE TREE IS IN FULL BLOOM.

To the present generation falls the blessing of bringing about that which their predecessors started. We of today are the ones chosen by God to carry out His commands in His new house of worship, and to teach them diligently to our children in this new house of learning.

Rabbi Seymour Weller assumed the leadership of the B'nai Jacob Congregation in 1952, and to him goes the credit for uniting our forces and stimulating our efforts. In 1954 the first spadeful of ground was turned—the first step in fulfilling our dream.

Today, December 2, 1956, that dream becomes a reality. The building of the new synagogue and educational center has been accomplished and the membership of the congregation has risen to about 200 families, its highest point.

The religious school has been reorganized by Rabbi Weller into a modern, progressive institu-

tion of high educational standards, and the Hebrew school is one of which we may be justly proud. Modern methods and techniques, and a standard curriculum have been introduced. He is guiding and inspiring our youth in the ways of traditional Judaism. The steadily increasing attendance at our Friday night services indicates a healthy renewal of religious fervor. And a great many, both young and old find a true Sabbath spirit in the Saturday morning services.

Our congregation has grown in stature. By his inter-faith and inter-group work, Rabbi Weller is spreading the great Jewish concept of the brotherhood of man to our non-Jewish contemporaries. And so with unity within our ranks, and with good will and esteem from our non-Jewish brethren we can truly bear out the ancient chant, "HENAI MA TOV UMA NAWIM SHEVET ACHIM GAM YACHAD."—How goodly and how pleasant for brethren to dwell together in peace.

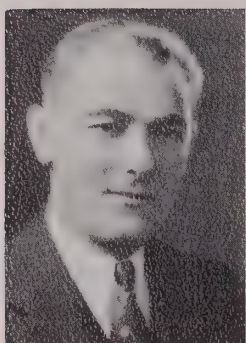
#### THE TREE STANDS ERECT.

Sunlight falls on its branches and leaves and blossoms. May its precious fruit mature and may GOD continue to shower His blessing upon us and may we always remain in His eyes a Tree of Life . . . Eitz Chaim.

*Esther Kretzman Schwartz*



# Past Presidents



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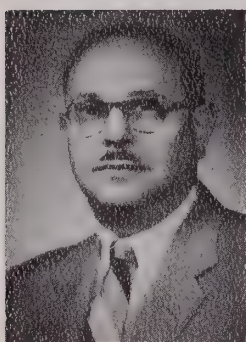
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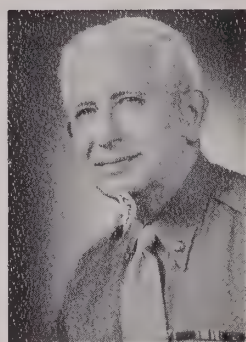
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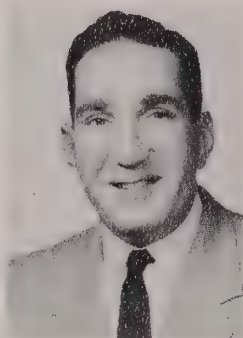
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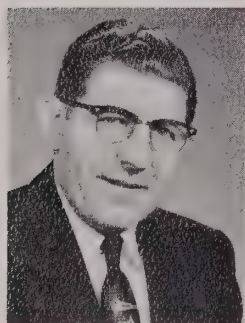
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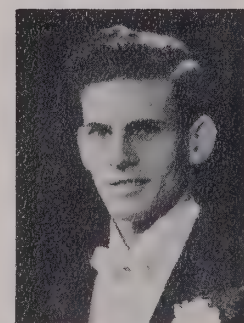
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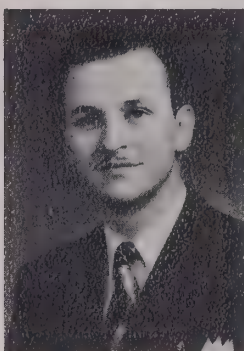
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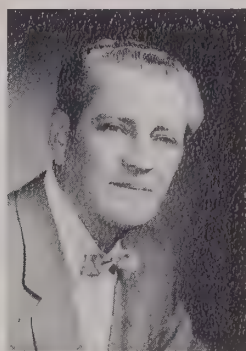
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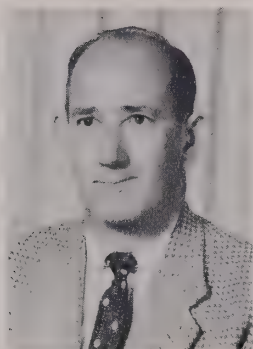
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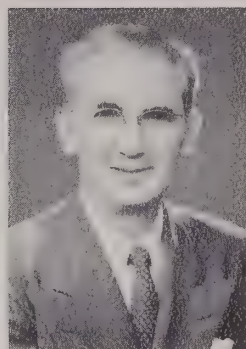
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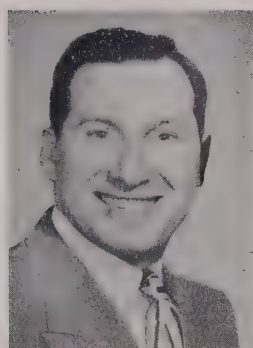
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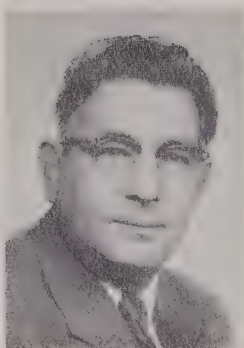
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# Sunday



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Mrs. Seymour Weller  
Miss Elaine Lowenhar

## FIRST AND SECOND GRADES

Instructors:

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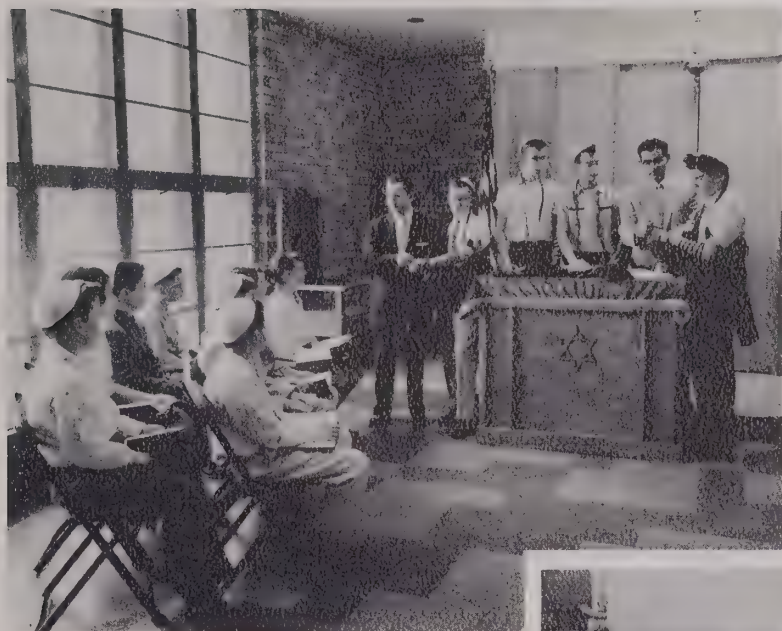
Mrs. Nat Sheray



# School

## FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES

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Mr. Barry Pass  
Mrs. Jacob Bernstein  
Mr. Norman Gellman



## SIXTH GRADE

Instructor:  
Mr. Jonah Mann

## CONFIRMATION CLASS, 1956

With Rabbi Weller

Instructor:  
Mr. Moe M. Mitzman



(Not shown: Steven Herman and Erwin Winnick.)





*The Chapel*

# Hebrew School

▶  
BEGINNERS,  
FIRST AND  
SECOND GRADES



◀  
THIRD AND  
FOURTH GRADES

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POST BAR-MITZVAH  
AND BAS-MITZVAH





# *Activities*

## *New*



Sim Has Torah.

Cornerstone Laying.



New Year's Affair.

# *In Our Home*

Sim Has Torah.



Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies.

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# *The Outdoor Service of Dedication*

10 A. M.

## THE ORDER OF CONSECRATION

PRAYER ..... Rabbi Seymour Weller

... Ze Hayom Asaw Adonoi Nogeelah V'neesmecho Vo ...

... This is the day which the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it ...

We stand before Thee, O Lord, our God of our fathers, prepared to consecrate and dedicate a new Synagogue in Israel seeking Thy blessings in the work we have undertaken for the glory of Thy name and for the perpetuation of Thy traditions. In gratefulness for the joy of Thy presence in our strivings we offer Thee our humble thanks as we now proceed with these formal dedication services. Grant to us all, that the joy of participation in this glad event may prompt us to exclaim: O Lord, we love the habitation of Thy House, the place where Thy glory dwelleth. Amen. (The congregation will join in the Amens.)

## RE-AFFIRMATION OF ABRAHAM'S COVENANT

Rabbi Seymour Weller and Congregation

Responsive: Reading:

AND THEY ENTERED INTO A COVENANT TO SEEK THE LORD GOD OF THEIR FATHERS WITH ALL THEIR HEART AND WITH ALL THEIR SOUL. In like manner are we gathered to make our covenant as a Congregation in Israel.

What common experience leads us into spiritual fellowship with God and one another?

Acknowledging the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as our God, we have established this congregation as the symbol and center of our corporate life as Jews. Even as God made His covenant first with Abraham so do we invoke His Divine aid in this sacred enterprise undertaken in His name.

By what pledge do we seal this covenant?

By the same pledge as did our forefathers at Sinai making our children surety for the sincerity of our hearts and minds. We are organized to insure that they shall find here a well from which they may draw inspiration for their daily life.

What are some of the privileges and duties in this, our Congregation?

With this aim we engage to strive together for the advancement of our body in knowledge of our God and of His holy Torah; to transmit such understanding as we gain to those who shall later join our ranks; to sustain the ordinances and commandments, disciplines and doctrines of historic traditional Judaism and to worship God after the dictates of our teachers and Rabbis.

What duties do we gladly undertake as stewards of that which God has entrusted to us?

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the Synagogue edifice which shall house our Congregation and to maintain its devotional, educational and recreational facilities as God will give us the strength and means to establish them.

For the sake of our home and loved ones, what tasks do we prayerfully assume?

We undertake to maintain regular hours of service; to educate our children in the traditional way of life; to seek the good in all whom our influences shall reach.

For the sake of our brethren all over the world how shall we govern ourselves?

We agree to remember that we are part of a greater congregation of Israel and therefore will act out the principle of ... every Israelite is responsible one for another ... We will remember each other in prayer; aid each other in sickness and distress, and practice the ancient Mitzvah of Tzedoko, Charity in terms of relief and rehabilitation.

ALL:

We pray that the God of our fathers keep us steadfast in this determination and bless the work of our hands. AMEN.

## OPENING THE PORTALS OF THE SYNAGOGUE

Dedicatory verses:

The Rabbi-elect

... V-awsu lee mikdosh v'shachantee B'sochom ...

And let them make me a Sanctuary  
that I may dwell among them.

Enter His courts with thanksgiving  
and into His gates with Praise.

Seek ye the Lord and live.

The presiding Rabbi, knocking at the door of the Synagogue, shall say, " ... Peeschu lee Shaarai Tsedek Avo Vom Odeh Yah ... " — " ... Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto the Lord ... ".

The ribbon across the door shall be cut by Mr. Abe J. Kaplan, General Chairman. Mr. A. M. Strauss, architect, will give the key to Mr. Max Irmischer, Builder, who will present the key to Mr. Irving Rifkin, Chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. Herman Lowenhar, House Chairman, will then accept the key for Mr. Seymour Samet, President, on behalf of the congregation.

Let us pray:

Sovereign of the Universe! In this hour of joy, look down from Thy holy habitation, and in mercy and loving kindness accept the prayers of thanksgiving in our hearts and upon our lips. Look with Thy loving favor upon this Synagogue erected to the glory of Thy name, and let Thy graciousness be upon. Accept and establish Thou the work of our hands; yea the work of our hands do Thou establish. And even as we have been permitted to consecrate this House of Worship, so grant that we may together witness the dedication of Thy great and Holy Sanctuary in Jerusalem, the city of our solemnities speedily in our days. Amen

The congregation will now move as promptly as possible, through the front Synagogue Doors, under the direction of the Ushers to the Main Sanctuary, where The Dedicatory Service will continue!



# Order of

Sunday, December 2, 1956

The Congregation will remain standing until Scrolls are returned to Holy Ark and Poroches closed  
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## ISRAEL'S LEGACY . . . THE TORAH

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TORAH BEARERS: Cantor Officers of the Congregation.

MAH TOVU .....Cantor and Rabbi

How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, your dwelling places, O Israel. O Lord, through Thine abundant kindness I come into Thy house, and reverently I worship Thee in Thy holy sanctuary. I love the habitation of Thy house, the place where Thy glory dwelleth. Here I bow down and worship Thee, my Lord and Maker. Accept my prayer, O Lord, and answer me with Thy great mercy and with Thy saving truth. AMEN

AIN KOMOCHO (There is None Like Unto Thee) .....Cantor and Rabbi

There is none like unto Thee among the mighty, O Lord, and there are no deeds like unto Thine. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations. The Lord reigneth, the Lord hath reigned, the Lord will reign forever and ever. May the Lord give strength unto His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace. AMEN.

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OPENING OF THE ARK: Dedication Chairman, Mr. Irving Walters.

TORAT EMET ..... Choir

Scrolls will be returned to Ark

... For I give you good doctrine; forsake ye not my Law . . .

HYMN: Eitz Chaim

It is a Tree of Life to them that hold fast to it,  
And everyone that upholds it is happy  
Its ways are ways of pleasantness,  
And all its paths are peace.  
Turn us unto Thee, O Lord, and we shall return;  
Renew our days as of old. AMEN

The Cantor, choir and congregation will join in the chanting of the Eitz Chaim.

PRAYER before the Ark

The congregation will be seated

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## ISRAEL'S HERITAGE . . . THE SYNAGOGUE

ANTHEM: Psalm 24: 7-10 .....

LITURGICAL SELECTION ..... Cantor

SCRIPTURE READING, "Prayer of Solomon"

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF CONGREGATION ..... Seymour Samet

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RESPONSIVE READING ..... Rabbi Weller

Our God and God of our fathers do Thou bless us as we gather here with grateful hearts to consecrate ourselves to Thee.

Because Thou wast with us in all our endeavors our efforts were fruitful, our work not in vain. Be with us, we pray Thee, in years still before us, to show us the way, to guide us, O Lord.

May this, Thy House, be our fortress of strength to give us courage for the challenge of life. We thank Thee for the tasks we shared together, and for the hours we communed here with Thee.

For the joys we found in the fellowship of worship, for the blessings of courage, comfort and peace.

For the will to strive and the wisdom to accomplish, for hope when despondent and faith when in doubt.

\*\*\* Those waiting may be seated at this time.

# Service

6 . . . 28 Kislev, 5717

For all these we thank Thee and praise Thee, our Father, Thy House is our refuge, our buttress, our strength.

We come with our children to pray at Thine altar, that their hearts, like ours, may be lifted to Thee. To find here the truths that their forefathers cherished, and make this their Holy Place, even as we.

Our old and our young worship together, renew here the pledge that their forefathers made.

Accept thee, O Lord, our hearts' earnest devotion, and keep us united in service to Thee.

HYMN: Al Zos ..... Choir  
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DECLARATION OF FAITH— Let us chant together:

THE SHE'MA ..... Rabbi and Congregation

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Blessed be His name, whose glorious kingdom is forever and ever.

SCRIPTURE READING—"Praise God in His Sanctuary

HAVAH NAGEELA ..... Cantor, Choir and Congregation

Greetings

SCRIPTURE READING—"Thou eatest the labor of Thy hands."

## THE ETERNAL LIGHT OF FREEDOM

Mo'oz Tzur (Rock of Ages) .....Cantor, Choir and Congregation

### CONGREGATIONAL READING:

In the days of the High Priest Mattathias, son of Johanan of the Hashmonean family, a tyrannical power rose up against Thy people Israel to compel them to forsake Thy Torah, and to force them to transgress Thy commandments. In Thine abundant mercy Thou didst stand by them in time of distress. Thou didst rise to their defense and didst vindicate their cause. Thou didst bring retribution upon the evil doers, delivering the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few, the wicked into the hands of the just, and the arrogant into the hands of those devoted to Thy Torah. Thou didst Thus make Thy greatness and holiness known in Thy world, and didst bring great deliverance to Israel. Then Thy children came into Thy dwelling place cleansed the temple, purified the sanctuary kindled lights in Thy sacred courts, and they designated these eight days of Hanukah for giving thanks and praise unto Thy great name.

### KINDLING THE NER TAMID:

Biblical verses—Genesis 1:1-3 . . . Rabbi

The Eternal Light for the main sanctuary will be kindled

S'mor Yisroel ..... Choir

SCRIPTURE READING—1 Kings 8:27-31 . . . Rabbi Weller

The Congregation will rise.

RECITATION OF THE SHEHECHEYONU (Prayer of Thankfulness), Rabbi and Congregation.

In gratefulness for the joy of Thy presence in our strivings we offer Thee our humble thanks:

(The congregation will join in reciting the Prayer for thankfulness in the Hebrew and English.)

Baruch A-toh A-donoi E-lo-heynu melech ha-olom She'hecheyonu V'keeyimonu V'higeeonu la-zman ha-zeh:

Blessed art Thou O Lord our God king of the Universe, Who hast kept us in life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this significant day when we establish a holy congregation dedicated to Torah, Avodah and Gemilus Hasodim. AMEN.

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The Congregation will be seated

RABBI'S MESSAGE ..... Rabbi Seymour Weller

YIBONEH BAIS HAMIKDASH ..... Cantor

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